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FEE INCREASE FOR GED TESTING

The RI Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (RIDE) announces that effective November 1, 2003, the fee for GED Testing will increase from \$15 to \$30. The increase will apply only to candidates who make an application to complete the GED test after November 1, 2003. The application fee is waived for those candidates who are on public assistance.

This fee covers a one-time administration of the complete test battery, the issuance of an official GED Transcript by a test center, and, if eligible, the issuance of the High School Equivalency Diploma by RIDE.

Also, as of November 1, 2003, new candidates who apply for the GED TESTS will be assessed a \$4 fee for each individual GED Test repeated after initial testing. If, after retesting on five specific tests within a battery a qualifying score of 2250 is not attained, the candidate must submit another application and pay the regular \$30 fee.

The fee for GED Testing has been unchanged since 1988. Since 1988 the costs of supporting the GED Testing Program have constantly increased, due primarily to the cost of renting test batteries at each test center. In 1988 each battery cost \$45 while in 2003 each battery cost \$175.

The Tests of General Educational Development (GED Tests) are internationally recognized. They have been designed to measure major academic skills and knowledge in core content areas that are learned during four years of high-school completion. The GED Test battery includes the following subject area tests: Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Language Arts-Writing, and Language Arts-Reading.

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